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SUBJ: LETTERS OF CONGRATULATIONS

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SUMMARY: EMBASSY RECOMMENDS LETTERS OF CONGRATULATIONS FROM THE PRESIDENT TO NEW THAI PRIME MINISTER AND FROM SECRETARY KISSINGER TO NEW THAI FOREIGN MINISTER. END OF SUMMARY.

1. AS ANTICIPATED IN REFTEL THE KING APPOINTED M.R. SENI PRAMOJ AS THE NEW PRIME MINISTER ON APRIL 20. EMBASSY BELIEVES IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE AND USEFUL TO SEND A MESSAGE OF CONGRATUALIONS FROM THE PRESIDENT TO THE NEW PRIME MINISTER, TO BE DELIVERED AFTER THE NEW GOVERNMENT AND POLICY HAS RECEIVED THE VOTE OF CONFIDENCE OF THE PARLIAMENT. THIS WILL PROBABLY OCCUR ON/ABOUT APRIL 29.

2. THE EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT THE PRESIDENT SEND THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRIME MINISTER M.R. SENI PRAMOJ.

BEGIN TEXT.

HIS EXCELLENCY

M.R. SENI PRAMOJ

PRIME MINISTER OF THE KINDOM OF THAILAND

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DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER:

ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE I AM PLEASED TO OFFER MY
SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES ON YOUR ACCESSION TO
THE OFFICE OF PRIME MINISTER. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE LONG
VALUED THE WARM FIRENDSHIP AND CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN
THAILAND AND THE UNITED STATES. I AM AWARE OF THE EXTENT
TO WHICH YOU HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO STRENGTHENING THESE RELATIONS,
AND I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING THIS CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN
OUR GOVERNMENTS AND TO STRENGTHENING THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN
OUR TWO PEOPLES.

SINCERELY YOURS,

GERALD R. FORD

END TEXT.

3. THE EMBASSY ALSO RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING LETTER OF
CONGRATULATIONS BE SENT FROM SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER TO
THE NEW FOREIGN MINISTER, PHICHAI RATTAKUL, AFTER THE NEW
GOVERNMENT'S POLICY HAS RECEIVED THE VOTE OF CONFIDENCE OF
THE PARLIAMENT.

BEGIN TEXT.

HIS EXCELLENCY
PHICHAI RATTAKUL
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
BANGKOK

DEAR MR. MINISTER:

PLEASE ACCEPT MY SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES ON
YOUR APPOINTMENT BY HIS MAJESTY THE KING AS FOREIGN MINISTER
OF THE KINGDOM OF THAILAND.

I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUED CLOSE AND FRIENDLY COOPERATION
BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS, AS A REFLECTION OF THE WARM
FRIENDSHIP WHICH HAS FOR SO LONG MARKED RELATIONS BETWEEN
THE PEOPLE OF THAILAND AND THE UNITED STATES. MY BEST WISHES
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FOR SUCCESS AS YOU ASSUME YOUR NEW RESPONSIBILITES.

SINCERELY YOURS,

HENRY A. KISSINGER

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